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WASHINGTON--SEN. STEPHEN M. YOUNG, D-OHIO, LEVELLED NEW CHARGES OF "BUNGLING" AT THE CIA TODAY AND RENEWED THE PLEA FOR A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL WATCH-DOG COMMITTEE TO MONITOR CIA OPERATIONS.

SEN. WAYNE MORSE, D-ORE., LONG A PROPONENT OF SUCH A COMMITTEE, JOINED IN YOUNG'S SENATE FLOOR COMMENTS. MORSE SAID CIA IS A "POLICE STATE INSTITUTION" WHICH "HAS MUCH TO ANSWER FOR" IN THE DETERIORATION OF THE U.S. IMAGE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE "MISMANAGEMENT OF AFFAIRS" IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

MORSE HEADS THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

YOUNG BEGAN HIS COMMENTS BY DEPLORING AS "DISGRACEFUL" RECENT DISCLOSURES THAT A CIA AGENT OFFERED A \$3.3 MILLION BRIBE TO SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW FIVE YEARS AGO.

"IN ADDITION TO ITS MISTAKES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE DAMAGE TO OUR PRESTIGE CAUSED BY CIA BUNGLING OF THE U2 INCIDENT OF FIVE YEARS AGO AND OF THE DISASTROUS ROLE CIA OPERATIVES PLAYED IN THE ILL-FATED BAY OF PIGS INVASION," YOUNG DECLARED.

THE CIA HAS "IN EFFECT BEEN MAKING FOREIGN POLICY," HE SAID, AND HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS. HE SAID "THE CIA HAS GRADUALLY TAKEN ON THE CHARACTER OF AN INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT, ANSWERABLE ONLY TO ITSELF."

CURRENTLY THE CIA OUTLINES ITS OPERATIONS AND BUDGET FOR INFORMAL SENATE AND HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES COMPOSED FROM THE TOP-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES. YOUNG SAID A JOINT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORMED OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN BOTH HOUSES PLUS THE CHAIRMAN AND TOP MINORITY MEMBERS OF ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES.

"IT IS LONG PAST DUE FOR CONGRESS TO ASSERT ITSELF IN THIS REGARD," YOUNG SAID.

"THIS AGENCY DOES NOT ACCOUNT TO ANYONE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. UNDOUBTEDLY SOME CIA AGENTS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED ALONG WITH ATTEMPTING TO CORRUPT OFFICIALS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS," YOUNG SAID.

YOUNG SAID HE THINKS CIA IS "OVERSTAFFED" BUT CANNOT PROVE IT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY.

HE SAID CONGRESS SHOULD "DETERMINE WHAT IS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN PROPER INTELLIGENCE WORK AND TOUGH BUT HONORABLE POLITICAL WARFARE ON THE ONE HAND AND DISHONORABLE AND CORRUPT ACTIVITIES ON THE OTHER."

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